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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

GEORGE BAHAMONDES,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-50419

D.C. No. CR-04-00757-ER

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Edward Rafeedie, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted September 11, 2006**

Before: PREGERSON, T.G. NELSON, and GRABER, Circuit Judges.

George Bahamondes appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 63-month sentence for conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and making false statements, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 371, and 1001.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Bahamondes has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Bahamondes filed a declaration of trial counsel indicating a potential issue for appeal.

Because our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penon v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82-83 (1988), indicates that Bahamondes knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to appeal and was sentenced within the terms of the plea agreement, we enforce the waiver and dismiss the appeal. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered knowingly and voluntarily); *see also United States v. Cardenas*, 405 F.3d 1046, 1048 (9th Cir. 2005) (noting that the changes in sentencing law imposed by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), did not render waiver of appeal involuntary and unknowing).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**. All other pending motions are denied.

DISMISSED.